

the Earl of Derby at the delivery of prizes to members of the 1st Lancashire Rifle Volun.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.
DECEMBER 19TH, EVENING.

The drug market for China has kept pretty steady, with a fair native demand at \$680 to \$720 on cash and credit terms, against \$675 to \$677 1/2 on time, upon which. Sales of Malacca have been made at \$625 cash, and \$630 on credit; Patna, 12th sales on time, \$635, against \$677 1/2 to \$680 from speculators.

DECEMBER 20TH, MORNING.

Patna \$680 to \$700, subject to fluctuation under speculative influence; Beparas is held for \$677 1/2 by foreigners.

SALOON MARKET INTELLIGENCE
(From Messrs. W. G. HALE & Co.)
(By Telegraph.)

SALON, 18th December, 8.05 a.m.

RICE—Supplies from the Interior are exceedingly small, at \$102 1/2, as firm and prices are advancing. January delivery at One eighty-five per picul, nothing doing. Despatched for Hongkong since last French mail, 50,000 piculs.

PEACOCKS—Demand is abundant, and prices are advancing, present quotation is Twenty-eight cents, nominal. January quotation Thirty-six cents. The diseaseded tonnage in harbour amounts to 88,000 piculs.

BRONCHOS—3/4 per cent discount, 30 days' sight.

SHARES.

Hongkong Bank Shares, Old—90 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Bank Shares, New—60 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, new shares at \$1,500 per share premium.

China Traders Insurance Company's Shares—\$2,600 per share premium.

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NOTICE.

Hongkong, December 12th, 1871. Agent.

A mail will close.

Extracts.

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Spiritualism and its Recent Converts.
(From the "Quarterly Review.")

"That the 'killing' of a table in response to questions put to it—which is described by the Spiritualists as the 'lifting of its leg,' as he if the table itself stood still—is due to the downward pressure of the hands laid upon it, may then be assumed as self-evident until the contrary shall have been proved. And those who affirm that it is produced, not by muscular, but by 'spiritual' agency, are asked to consider that the veridical common sense is otherwise than true. We have, indeed, been gravely assured by a lady of 'unimpeachable veracity, that a table in her own house, with no person being near it,' on being asked her age, 'lifted up its leg and struck forty-two,' the correct number of years; a result which so appealed her, that she sold the table forthwith, and never again saw it."—The lady, whether she had quite correctly remembered the circumstances of the case, which had happened some years previously, she promised to consult some notes she had made at the time; and a few days afterwards she honestly told us that there was one trifling mistake in her previous account; for that she and her friends, instead of being, as she had thought, on either side of the table, had their hands on the table. The fact that the table had rapped out her age, and that she had parted with a piece of furniture which could not be trusted to keep so important a secret, remained on record. That the answers obtained through the medium of tables, planchettes, &c., reflect the mental state of the seer, is unquestionable. Of this the "circle," may we say, were certain, be assumed as a general fact. We have ourselves witnessed some amusing instances of it. Several years ago we were invited, with two medical friends, to a very select *dinner*, to witness the performance of a lady, the Hon. Miss N.—, who was described to us as a particularly gifted medium; and the evening was devoted to spiritual manifestations of the most elevating character, but being able to convince incredulous philosophers like ourselves of the reality of her "spiritual" gifts by "physical" manifestations of the most unmistakable kind. Unfortunately, however, the Hon. Miss N.— was not in great force on the occasion of our visit; and nothing would go right. Her first attempt to produce a rapping, which she expected to meet our host a few days afterwards, however, he assured us that he had discovered the reason of its want of success in "the atmosphere of incredulity which we had brought with us; for that no sooner had we taken our departure than a series of most wonderful phenomena presented themselves, which, if they had occurred on the same occasion, might have led to the ill-fated experience, we may here say, has been so frequently repeated that we have been forced to abandon any useless the attempt to test by personal examination the wonders which have been narrated to us. And thus we are justified in our continued incredulity by the judgment of Spiritualists themselves. For, as one of them honestly says, "If spirits can be seen in such extraordinary, and so unlike those coming within the ordinary range of human experience, that it is quite right not to accept them on the testimony of others. Each individual should witness and test them personally, and believe nothing until the absolute knowledge is gained that denial is impossible." In another place, again, it is said, "We are just as a sceptic as the two ladies were who, when they worked the planchette on the original method, and our long previous knowledge of whom placed them beyond all suspicion of anything but self-deception. One of them was a firm believer in the reality of her intercourse with the spirit-world; and her planchette was continually at work between her hands, and figures on the paper came pouring out letters and figures on the card before it, just as if it had been that of a telegraphic dial acted on by galvanic communication. After having watched the operation for some time, and assured ourselves that the answers she obtained to questions she put to her spiritual visitors were just what her own simple and direct language would suggest, we addressed her thus: 'You believe that your replies are dictated to you by your spiritual friends, and that your hands are the passive vehicles of the spiritual agency by which the planchette is directed in spelling them out.' We believe, on the other hand, that the answers are the products of your own brain, and that the planchette is moved by your own muscles, and that the words and sentences uttered and figures on the card before it, just as if it had been that of a telegraphic dial acted on by galvanic communication. 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Insurances

COMPAGNIE LYONNAISE D'ASSURANCES MARITIMES.
Société anonyme. Le capital est de 8,000,000 de francs (en quatre séries).
THIS COMPANY, being associated for purposes of Marine Insurance, in the Far East, with the:
LYONS FRANCIS. Capital of 8,000,000 francs, and with the **GRAND HAVRE MARITIME.** Capital of 8,000,000 francs.
Offers to the ASSURED, the Security of a collective Capital of 17,000,000 francs.
Agencies established, and Policies made payable in Lyons, Paris, London, Marseilles, Calcutta, Bombay, Yokohama, Hongkong and Shanghai.
The undersigned, having been appointed Agents in China for the above-named Company, are prepared to accept Marine risks, foreign or coastwise, at current rates.
At 1877 Hongkong, 23rd July, 1876.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents,
HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.
NOTICE.
IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged: **SHORT PERIOD** Insurance, **1 month** 2 1/2 of the annual rate. Not exceeding 1 month 2 1/2 of the annual rate. Above 1 month, 3 do. do. Above 3 months, 4 do. do. Above 6 months, 5 do. do. Above 9 months, 6 do. do. Above 12 months, 7 do. do.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company, at 675 Hongkong, 13th August, 1868.
OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.
INCORPORATED 1859.
CAPITAL, £1,000,000.
THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine risks and issue Policies at current rates.
At 1351 Hongkong, 7th June, 1887.
MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.
THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.
At 1853 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.
THE LONDON ASSURANCE OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST, A.D. 1720.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances at following rates:—
MARINE DEPARTMENT.
Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.
WATER DEPARTMENT.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.
LIFE DEPARTMENT.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding 25,000 on reasonable life.
At 1877 Hongkong, 1st November, 1870.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
THE LIVERPOOL AND BOMBAY TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Marine risks at current rates.
At 777 Hongkong, 25th April 1870.
LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSPORT INSURANCE OFFICE.
137, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.
ESTABLISHED 1846.
THE Undersigned is authorised to accept risks on behalf of this Office, by First Class Steamers and Sailing Ships.
At Hongkong, 1st July 1867.
IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE CO. (OLD INSURING HOUSE, opposite Buildings' B) Government, Merchandise, Manufacturing and Farming Stock, Ships in Port, Harbours, or Dock, and the Cargoes of such Ships; also, Ships Building and Repairing, Barges and other Vessels, and Goods on Board Rivers and Canals, and Goods on board such Vessels, throughout Great Britain and Ireland; and in FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FROM LOSS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of 300,000 on any one First Class Risk.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.
MERCHANTS' MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.
ENGAGED EXCLUSIVELY IN MARINE INSURANCE.
Paid up Capital—\$500,000.
THE Undersigned having been duly appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks on the usual terms.
At 1892 Hongkong, 2nd July, 1868.
CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THIS Company grants Policies on Marine Risks at the established local Rates, to all parts of the World.
In addition to the usual brokerage, thirty per cent (30%) of the Profits will be returned as Bonuses to all contributors of business, whether on Ship or on Cargo, in proportion to the amount of Net Premium contributed.
No Policy Fees charged.
WM. PUSTAU & Co.,
At 1402 Hongkong, 27th July, 1870.
NOTICE.
BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Insurance Company, are prepared to issue Policies against Marine risks on the usual terms at Current rates, subject to a discount of 15%.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
At 1783 Hongkong, 1st October, 1870.
THE ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE CO. OF LONDON.
THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire at current rates.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents, at 1569 Hongkong, 26th August, 1870.
UNIVERSAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, (OF LONDON).
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, Shanghai, Foochow, Hankow, and Yokohama, are prepared to accept Marine Risks at Current Rates.
GILMAN & Co.,
At 437 Hongkong, 9th March, 1871.

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PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies on Marine, Buildings and Goods, at current rates. **RUSSELL & Co.**
17365 Hongkong, 7th February, 1887.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, have been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Insurance Company, are prepared to grant Policies on Marine, Buildings and Goods, at current rates. **RUSSELL & Co.**
17365 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1887.

THE SUI-SEI INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.
Policies granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates. In addition to the usual benefit, this Association returns to the insured Twenty per cent. of its yearly profits, divided pro rata to the premium contributed. **RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.**
17365 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

THE LIAO SUI SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies on Marine, Buildings and Goods, at current rates. **RUSSELL & Co.**
17365 Hongkong, 1st April, 1885.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.
HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.
AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China, Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above-mentioned Ports.
No charge for Policy fees.
JAS. B. COUGHTRE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1871. (17365)

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.
This Company, with its Head Office at Hongkong, and Agencies at the various Ports of China and Japan, is prepared to issue Policies of Insurance, at the current rates of Premium at the respective places.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., Secretaries.
17365 Hongkong, 1st April, 1871.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month, 1/4 of the annual rate.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 3/4 do. do.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 6/4 do. do.
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 9 months, 9/4 do. do.
Above 9 months, and not exceeding 12 months, 12/4 do. do.
Above 12 months, the full annual rate.
GILMAN & Co., Agents.
North British & Mercantile Insurance Company, 17365 Hongkong, 7th April, 1868.

NOTICE.
THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE following rates will be charged in future on SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 10 days, 1/4 of the annual rate.
Not exceeding 1 month, 3/4 do. do.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 6/4 do. do.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 9/4 do. do.
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 9 months, 12/4 do. do.
Above 9 months, and not exceeding 12 months, 15/4 do. do.
Above 12 months, the full annual rate.
NORRIS, LYTAL & Co., Agents.
The Queen Insurance Company, 17365 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent for the above Company at this Port, is prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £10,000, on Buildings or Goods stored therein.
NORRIS, LYTAL & Co.
17365 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.
UNRUL further notice the following rates will be charged for Fire Insurance, viz:—
Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from town, and their contents, 1/4 per cent.
Other dwelling Houses, and strictly as such, and their contents, 1/4 per cent.
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents, 1/4 per cent.
GILMAN & Co., Agents.
Imperial Fire Insurance Company, 17365 Hongkong, 7th March, 1865.

NOTICE.
NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.
Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from town, and their contents, 1/4 per cent.
Other dwelling Houses, and strictly as such, and their contents, 1/4 per cent.
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents, 1/4 per cent.
GILMAN & Co., Agents.
North British and Mercantile Insurance Company, 17365 Hongkong, 10th March, 1865.

NOTICE.
FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding ten days, 1/4 of the annual rate.
Above 10 days, and not exceeding 1 month, 3/4 do. do.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months, 6/4 do. do.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding 6 months, 9/4 do. do.
Above 6 months, and not exceeding 9 months, 12/4 do. do.
Above 9 months, and not exceeding 12 months, 15/4 do. do.
Above 12 months, the full annual rate.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.
Alliance Fire Insurance Company, 17365 Hongkong, 29th August, 1869.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £40,000, on Buildings, or Goods stored therein.
DOUGLAS LAPEIRA & Co.
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